

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

### THREE PITCHERS FACTORS IN AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE

Three pitching arms may have a great deal to do with the outcome of the American league race this year.

They are the arms of Guy Morton, Joe Wood and George Foster, every one of them a master of speed and curves when right, and all of them disappointments to their clubs last year.

That Cleveland would have been a far more important factor in the 1916 race had Morton not injured his arm in midseason is not to be denied.

As it was Cleveland was deprived of the support of her greatest star and Manager Fohl was obliged to saddle a great deal of his work on Coveleskie and Klepfer, two youngsters, who could not stand up under the strain.

Then Cleveland, the sensation of the early part of the season, began to lose games with monotonous regularity and soon was out of the race.

Guy Morton declares the kink in his arm is gone. If it is, Cleveland will be a dangerous stumbling block for other teams in the league this year.

Joe Wood, three years ago the wonder of the American league, has had a bad arm for two seasons. George Foster, the star of 1915, was ineffective last year.

Should both of these pitchers come back into their own, Jack Barry should have little to worry him so far as pitchers are concerned.

Wood believes he is going to be right this year and that the Boston management places some confidence in his belief is shown by their reluctance to trade him, although they have carried him at a loss.

Boston has offered to trade Wood for Steve O'Neill, the Cleveland catcher, and really has placed him on

the market at his 1913 value rather than an experiment. But it isn't likely Wood will be traded. Magnates don't like the idea of trading a known quantity for an unknown.

George Foster declared he would quit baseball when he found himself slipping. Later he announced he would like to play in the Southern league at least a part of this season to see if he couldn't get back into shape.

If Foster comes through he will be hauled back to Boston in a hurry, for Barry, a first-year manager, isn't anxious to lose the services of a pitcher of his caliber.

These three soupbones will have a lot to do with the American league race if they get going right.

University of Michigan is paving the way for a return to Conference athletics. The faculty board has asked the board of regents to sanction a re-entry into the Big Nine. Any such action must be taken by the regents. The action of the faculty, however, makes it almost a certainty that relations will be resumed.

This is the culmination of months of agitation and will put the Wolverines back where they belong. Other colleges are enthusiastic about meeting Michigan again, and if immediate action is taken it is possible a Yost eleven will be found on the gridiron against Conference teams this fall. Chicago, it is almost a certainty, would be willing to schedule Yost, and so would Illinois.

Today the Cubs are looking over the Grand Canon and speculating how many bases a hit from rim to rim would be good for. Yesterday there was some burlesque stuff at Albuquerque, Herb Hunter being arrested in a fake raid on a keno joint. Herb and the noble athletes retaliated by kidnaping the sheriff and taking him 15 miles out of town on the train. Such gentle repartee is easy for players.